

The Lordship Of Christ' Pictures Him A. 'One' Of World'

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For our text on THE LORDSHIP OF CHRIST, let us turn to Philippians 2:9-11.

"Wherefore God also hath highly exalted him, and given him a name which is above every name: That at the name of Jesus every knee should bow, of things in heaven, and things in earth, and things under the earth; And that every tongue should confess that Jesus Christ is Lord, to the glory of God the Father.

Let us pray: Dear Lord, we are thankful to Thee for every manifestation of Thy love. We thank Thee that Thou has brought us to this hour. As we come to look into Thy word, we pray that Thou wouldst open up our door of understanding so we might see clearly what Thou wouldst have us know and do. Allow the flame of Thy love to defrost our frigid devotions so that we will be less of what we have been, and more of what thou would have us to be. Speak, Lord, Thy servant heareth. Amen.

Christ Our Only Hope

Christ is our only hope! God is still the Lord of history! In fact, history is simply HIS STORY, and if God would withhold His work, history would stop happening. We live in one

Forty State Students Now Serving As Missionaries

Forty students from Mississippi are among hundreds who are serving in various areas of the United States this summer.

These students are serving in the 1969 Summer Missions program of the Home Mission Board.

The students are listed below, with the name first, the school second, home town third and place of service fourth in each case:

Frances Norine Akins, Blue Mountain and Mississippi College, Blue Mountain, Maryland; Bertha Andrews, Jefferson Davis, Perkin, Illinois; Mary Sue Bond, Williamson, Carey, Hattiesburg, Arizona; Shirley Mae Brown, USM, Decatur, California; Karen Antonia Cooper, Mississippi College, Clinton, New York; Brenda Gail Edwards, Mississippi College, Philadelphia, Ohio; Michael Frank Edwards, East Central Junior, Carthage, Oregon-Washington; John Lloyd Gore, Northwest Junior, Lambert, Utah-Idaho;

Delores Earline Green, MSU, Booneville, California; Willie Lou Greenwood, Alcorn A&M, Camden, California; Rebecca Ann Greer, Blue Mountain, Charleston, California; Rita

of the mad moments of history, when our faith must stand squarely before all of the ingenuity of wicked men. We live in an alienated age, a computerized environment, and a psychedelic society. Off-beat theologians, fraternity-mates, and hippies have plunged themselves in the depths of existential despair, for they have walked around in their sub-surface playpens and have emerged to announce that God is dead! That should not have been surprising to us, for the Bible informs us that "The fool hath said in his heart, There is no God!" I don't even like to talk about God being dead! For, I don't want anybody to think that God needs any defense. God needs NO DEFENSE!

Who Killed God?

When I first heard this absurd statement, it made me want to ask some stupid and senseless questions. For instance:

"Who assassinated God?"
"What coroner was called?"
"Who signed His death certificate?"
"Who was so well acquainted with the one pronounced dead that he could identify the deceased?"
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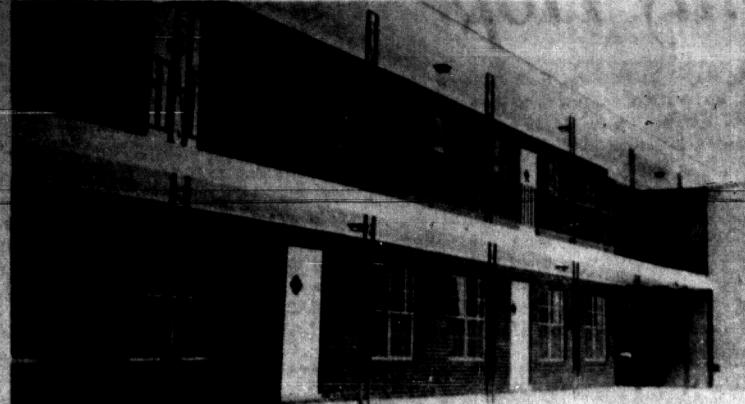
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First Church, Bay St. Louis' new education building.



Dedication day at First, Bay St. Louis.

Thursday, July 31, 1968

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legitimation of Christ as authority must be accomplished by absolute obedience to His commandments. "Why call ye me Lord, Lord, and do not the things which I say?"

Four Classes of Men

There are four classes of men who may be described by their relationship to the Lord.

One: Those who neither call Him Lord, nor do the things which He says.

Two: Those who call Him Lord, but do not do the things which He says.

Three: Those who do not call Him Lord, but do the things which He says.

Four: Those who both call Him Lord and do the things which He says.

"Lord" is not a word to be lightly, glibly, conventionally, meaninglessly taken upon our lips. It is a title which must be taken upon our lips with Godly fear. We can see what Jesus meant when He said, "Not every one who says unto me, Lord, Lord, shall enter the kingdom of heaven."

Everyone is mastered by someONE first place. We need a strength stronger or someTHING. Christ alone deserved or than ourselves. We need a strength strong enough to help us to stand the stresses and the strains of our struggles. The only rightful Lord of our lives is Jesus Christ. In order for Him to be the Prince of Peace, a coronation service must take place. You must crown Him KING in your own heart!

"Wherefore God hath highly exalted Him, and given Him a name that is above every name, that at the name of Jesus every knee should be bow and that every tongue should confess that Jesus Christ is Lord, to the glory of God the Father."

Now, these are the words of that man who walked all over the pagan world and turned every house into a chapel, and every street corner into a pulpit to declare the Lordship of Christ. He lit the lamp of the gospel, even in Caesar's household! He disturbed a nest of eagles, and sent them screaming across the Roman sky. He honeycombed the land with the Christian Church, and then sat in Nero's cell, in chains, and conquered Rome by writing letters.

Christ Is Master Of The Mighty

In his letter to the Philippians, Paul penned the arresting announcement that "God hath given Christ a name which is above every name", and he envisioned the time when "Every knee should bow unto Christ, and that every tongue should confess that Jesus Christ is Lord, to the glory of God the Father." In his letter to the Colossians, Paul declared that Jesus had the unqualified supremacy. "He is the image of the invisible God, the first born of all creation, He is the head of the church, He is the first born from the dead, in all things he has the preeminence." He precedes ALL OTHERS in His priority. He exceeds all others in His superiority. He succeeds all others in His finality. He is the master of the mighty. He is the captain of the conquerors. He is the head of the heroes. He is the leader of the legislators. He is the overseer of the overcomers. He is the governor of governors. He is the Prince of Peace. He is the King of Kings and He is the LORD OF LORDS!

In his letter to the Romans, Paul declared that WE ALL BELONG TO CHRIST, and are responsible, ul-

timately, to Him for everything that we do. We live unto the Lord. If we die, we die unto the Lord. Yet the great aim for which Christ died and lives again was that He might be Lord both of the dead and the living. Jesus Christ is Lord!

The Meaning of "LORD"

The word "LORD" means having power or authority. The great commission is based on the claims of our Saviour's Lordship. "Jesus came and spake unto them saying, All power is given unto me in heaven and in earth. Go ye therefore and teach all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and the Son and the Holy Ghost, teaching them to observe all things, whatsoever I have commanded you, and Lo, I am with you always, even unto the end of the world."

Lord means OWNERSHIP. "The earth is the Lord's and the fulness thereof, the world and they that dwell therein, for He hath founded it upon the seas and established it upon the floods." His Lordship is based on His ownership. He didn't have to put His signature on the corner of the sunrise: He's the owner! He didn't have to put a laundry mark on the lapel of the meadow, He's the owner! He didn't have to carve His initials on the side of a mountain. He's the owner! He didn't have to put His brand on the cattle on a thousand hills, He's the owner! He didn't have to put a copyright on the songs He gave the birds to sing, He's the owner!

Beyond the human level, the word Lord stands as a reverent allusion to God. The orthodox Hebrew in Jesus' day, as in our own, would not pronounce the name Jehovah. Instead, when he came to that incommunicable and sacred Name of God, he would simply say, "The Lord,.. 'Hear O Israel, the Lord our God is one Lord.'" Christians apply this title to Christ in this letter usage. On either the human or the divine level, the title "Lord" is a mark of respect and an implied pledge of obedience. Once Simon Peter stood before a hostile crowd and said, "God hath made that same Jesus whom ye have crucified, both Lord and Christ."

Now, Christ represents the thing which God has done to redeem us. Lord represents what we ought to do because we ARE redeemed. We ought to call Him "Master", and be obedient servants to Him. We ought to call Him "Owner" because He possesses absolutely our lives. "In Him we live, and move, and have our being." We ought to call Him "Father" and be obedient sons and daughters to Him. He is our only hope He is our only help. "God is our refuge and our strength, a very present help in trouble. Therefore shall not we fear though the earth be removed and the mountains be carried into the midst of the sea, though the waters thereof roar and be troubled, though the mountains shake with the swelling thereof, there is a rim of the streams whereof shall make glad the city of God, the holy place of the tabernacles of the most high. God is in the midst of her, and she shall not be moved. God shall help her, and that right early. The heathen rage, the kingdoms will move He uttered His voice, and the earth melted. The Lord of hosts is with us! The God of Jacob is our refuge. Come behold the works of the Lord, what desolations He hath made in the earth. He maketh wars to cease unto the ends of the earth; He breaketh the bow and cutteth; the spear in

sunder. He burneth the chariot in the fire. Be still and know that I am God. I will be exalted among the heathen; I will be exalted in the earth. The Lord of hosts is with us; the God of Jacob is our refuge."

Why Jesus Is Lord

Jesus is Lord because He came down the stairway of heaven, born in Bethlehem, hid in Egypt, brought up in Nazareth, baptized in Jordan, tempted in the wilderness, performed miracles by the roadside, went about doing good, healed multitudes without medicine and made no charges for His service. Everywhere He went, He overcame everything that came up against Him! Yes, He went up there on Calvary and died for your sins and mine. He went down into the grave, cleaned out the grave, and made it a pleasant place to wait for the resurrection. On scheduled time, by the might of His own power, He arose with every form of power from the harbor of His omnipotence.

Men have been trying to rid Him of His power: they have been trying to destroy His power. He is LORD—what are you going to use to destroy His power!! Yes, you could try to destroy Him by fire; He'll refuse to burn. If you try to destroy Him by water, He'll walk on the water! If you try to destroy Him with a storm, the wind will lick his hand and lay down at his feet. If you try to destroy Him with the law, you will find there is no fault in Him. If you try to destroy Him by the seal of an empire, He'll break it. If you try to destroy Him by putting Him in a grave, He'll RISE! If you try to destroy Him by ignoring Him, before you know it, you will hear a still, small voice, saying: "Behold I stand at the door and knock. If any man open the door, I will come in and sup with Him, and he with me." Jesus Christ is LORD!

He is the pearl from paradise; He's a gem from the glory land; He's the fairest jewel; He's time's choicest theme; He's life's strongest chord; He's light's clearest ray; He's glory's stately summit — He's L O R D!

His Name stands as a synonym for free healing, federal help, and full salvation. He's L O R D. His blessed Name is like honey to the taste, like harmony to the ear, like bread to the soul, like pump to the heart. He's L O R D! Yes He is! He's higher than the heavens of heaven, and He's holier than the Holy of Holies! In His death is our significance. In His life is our example. In His Cross is our redemption. In His resurrection is our Hope. He's L O R D!

At His birth, men came from the East. At His death, men came from the West, and the East and the West met in Him! He's L O R D! HAL-LELUJAH!! HE'S L O R D!

"How" Jesus Is Lord

The LORD GOD "OMNIPOTENT REIGNETH! At His name — not only at His name, but TO His name—and not only TO His name, but IN His name—EVERY KNEE is going to bow! Every tongue is going to confess that HE IS L O R D! I'm not going to wait for some far-off, distant day. NO! I know that borderline salvation is better than being lost, but it is too dangerous to risk! I'm not going to wait!! I'm not going to wait!! I'm going to confess His Name N O W! I'm going to confess and acknowledge Him as L O R D! I'm going to testify in His name; I'm going to fear Him because of His power. I'm going to trust Him because of His wisdom.

I love Him because of His goodness. I praise Him because of His greatness. I believe in Him because of His faithfulness. I adore Him because of His holiness. He's L O R D, LORD! He's L O R D! "The Lord is my light and my salvation! The Lord is my strength, and my salvation. The Lord is my rock; the Lord is my fortress! The Lord is my deliverer; the Lord is my high tower! The Lord is my shield and bulwark; the Lord is my shade upon my right hand; the Lord is my keeper; the Lord is my refuge; the Lord is my fortress. The Lord is my God, in Him will I trust! The Lord is my rock, and there is no unrighteousness in Him."

The Lord is my shepherd. I shall not want. I shall not want for rest, for He maketh me to lie down in green pastures. I shall not want for refreshment, for He leadeth me beside still waters! I shall not want for forgiveness, for He restoreth my soul! I shall not want for companionship, for "Yea, though I walk through the valley of the shadow of death, I will

fear no evil for Thou art with me." I shall not want for comfort, "Thy rod and thy staff, they comfort me." I shall not want for sustenance, for "Thou preparest a table before me in the presence of mine enemies." I shall not want for joy, for "Thou anointest my head with oil, my cup runneth over." I shall not want for anything in the life to come, for I dwell in the HOUSE OF THE LORD forever. I shall DWELL, yes I will, in the HOUSE OF THE LORD FOREVER! The Lord is my shepherd, the Lord is my rock, the Lord is all in all to me.

Is He yours? Is He yours? Is He yours? Are you willing to testify for Him? Are you willing to take your stand for Him? Will you work for Him? Will you witness for Him?

Closing Prayer

O God, our Father, thou who art our Lord, the rightful Lord of our lives, we thank Thee that we have acknowledged Thee here as our Lord, our Christ, and our Saviour. We have often talked, Lord, about what you will do FOR us, but we come now to yield ourselves unreservedly to Thee

First, Bay St. Louis, Dedicates Building

On Sunday, July 13, First Church, Bay St. Louis, Gulf Coast Association, dedicated a newly constructed education building. The two-story, five department building replaces a large residence purchased several years ago and used as a children's building.

The dedication service for the long planned for building took place at 1:30 p. m. following an old-fashioned "dinner-on-the-grounds." Individual participants in the service were Rev. J. W. Brister, superintendent of missions, Gulf Coast Association; James A. Fillingame, chairman of deacons; Glendal Salters, chairman of the Building Committee; M. L. Hill, treasurer; and Rev. John T. Dearing, pas-

tor, who led the congregation responsively in a dedication of the building to the glory of God for educating children, youth, and adults in Christian knowledge and development.

The new building features a three-room nursery suite with wall-to-wall carpeting, also Beginner, Primary, Junior and Intermediate Departments. The construction of the building is such that partitioning and interior walls may be changed as needed since outside walls carry the load and stress.

After the dedication services, an open house reception was held, for a tour of the building. The first use of the educational unit was Vacation Bible School which began the following day, July 14.

those who yield themselves to be used by the Lord, we are asking you to come and stand at the front or in the aisles. Get as close as you can to the pulpit. Let us all stand and sing.

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Baptist Faculty Conference Set For August

NASHVILLE — The Eastern Baptist Faculty Conference will be held August 8-10 at Williamsburg, Va., in the Williamsburg Lodge.

The conference will provide opportunities for Southern Baptist college faculty members to discuss their common ideas and issues in order to strengthen their faith and witness on college campuses.

Names In The News

Rev. and Mrs. Lewis L. Myers, Jr., missionaries, were scheduled to leave Vietnam on July 1 for furlough (address: c/o Mrs. W. B. Alexander, Boyle, Miss., 38730). Both Mr. and Mrs. Myers are Mississippian. Born in Chalybeate, he grew up in Skene; she is the former Antoinette Alexander, of Boyle. When they were appointed by the Foreign Mission Board in 1960, Mr. Myers was pastor of First Baptist Church, Sumner, Miss.

Mrs. Ken Sartis is the new fulltime secretary for Easthaven Church, Brookhaven. She succeeds Mrs. James Hahn, who served as church secretary for 7½ years. Rev. Charles Dampeer is pastor.

Rev. Michael Rose, student at Mississippi College, was ordained to the gospel ministry by Friendship East Church, Tallahatchie Association, on June 15. The ordaining council was composed of: Rev. M. L. Greer, pastor, Paynes, moderator; Rev. Leon Adams pastor, Spring Hill Church, who led the ordination prayer; Deacons J. H. Brasher and Howard Armstrong of Mt. Pisgah Church; Deacons Purvis Middleton and Carson Cole of Friendship East Church; Deacon Phil Raney of Paul Church; and Rev. G. E. Jolley, Superintendent Missions, who preached the ordination sermon. Carson Cole presented the Bible in behalf of the church. Among other guests were Mr. Rose's parents and brother from Mobile, Alabama. Mr. Rose has already begun his ministry as pastor at Friendship East Church while he completes his studies at Mississippi College.

David Sydney Doty of Forest, who received the master of church music degree at Southwestern Seminary on July 18, was selected to bring the special vocal music during the commencement services. He is presently music at Polytech Church, Fort Worth, Texas.

Mrs. Edward B. Trott, missionary to northern Brazil, may now be addressed c/o Ralph Torres, 56 Tompkins Place, Brooklyn, N. Y., 11231. (Mr. Moore is receiving radio/television training at New York University.) Mrs. Trott is a native of Meridian, Miss.; she is the former Celia Torres, of Brooklyn. When they were appointed by the Foreign Mission Board in 1964, Mr. Moore was pastor of Bethel Baptist Church, Houston, Tex.

Eddleman To Lead

Teaching Mission

To Holy Land

Dr. Leo Eddleman, President of New Orleans Seminary, has again accepted an assignment to lead a "teaching mission" to the Holy Land, departing from New York on December 22. Dr. T. Sloane Guy, former Executive Secretary of the Southern Baptist Hospitals, will co-host this second annual Christmas in the Holy Land, sponsored by On-Site Bible Seminars of New Orleans. The tour is open to "Christians of all denominations seriously interested in expanding their Biblical, Theological and historical knowledge of Christian beginnings."

President Eddleman served as a missionary in the area to be studied, and has spent at least nine Christmases in this part of the world. He and Mrs. Eddleman are thoroughly familiar with the area and regard it with unusual affection and knowledge.

The Guys are also very much at home in this part of the world, having visited it five times in the past three years.

The special fifteen day itinerary includes Jerusalem, Nazareth, Galilee and environs of each. Christmas Eve services will be held on Shepherd's Field in Bethlehem. Besides "Judea, Samaria and Galilee" Athens-Corinth and Rome will be visited.

Dr. Eddleman will give daily lectures on the places visited as to their Christian significance. Details of membership in this seminar group are available by writing "On-Site Seminars," 7333A Jeannette Place, New Orleans, Louisiana, 70118.

Two British physicians, Dr. G. Z. Brett and Dr. B. Benjamin, say smokers who keep cigarettes in their mouth — termed "drooping cigarette" — instead of removing them after each puff run higher chances of dying of lung cancer. Their study clearly showed among those who both smoked heavily and belonged to the drooping cigarette category. They said, "The gradient of death with amount smoked remained evident whatever the manner of smoking, but it was lower in men who removed their cigarette after each puff."



Senatobia Men Hear State Director

THE BROTHERHOOD of First Church, Senatobia, on July 14 heard a guest speaker from Jackson and a quartet from Holly Springs. Front row, left to right: Howard Carpenter, President of the Senatobia Brotherhood, and Rev. E. L. Howell, state Brotherhood director, Jackson, guest speaker. Back row, left to right: Keith McGregor; Cecil Kammerdiener; Bob White, music director; Wayne Sorrell; Dr. Al Hale; and Billy Journeby of First Church, Holly Springs, who made up the visiting quartet. Fifty-five were in attendance.



Byram Pastor Marries Second Generation

YEARS AGO the pastor of Byram Church, Rev. Henry J. Bennett, married his daughter Linda, to L. E. Matthews. It is an unusual experience for two generations while in the same pastorate. Serving as the officiant were the Matthews, the Hoods, and Pastor Bennett.

Church Taxes — A Threat To Freedom?

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cieties for the Prevention of Cruelty to Animals, etc.) would be rank discrimination.

Hardships Seen

No one can foresee all the hardships such taxation would impose—a hardship in equity when you consider all the cathedrals, city properties, chapels and open country churches. Such hardship in tax structure could well bring into focus the traditional saying "the power to tax becomes the power to destroy." The "establishment of religion" could really be done by the group in the power structure effecting a dis-establishment through excessive taxes of churches holding religious beliefs unpopular to the majority.

In the original thirteen colonies, church and state were not separated. The church was a public tax-supported agency, so exemption was automatic. When complete separation of church and state was achieved, the practice of exempting the church universally prevailed. The early court cases stressed the benefit accruing to the state through the church. Indeed, so acceptable was the practice that no exemption laws were written until 1837 when Massachusetts adopted the first such statute.

Each state now has an exemption for the houses of worship either by constitutional provision or statute, according to Zollman in *American Church Law*. Now, should five of the

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nine Supreme Court justices agree with Walz, the exemptions of all the states will be null and void and each place of worship could automatically go on the local tax rolls.

Some church groups have felt that they should make a contribution to city governments for street maintenance and other such services. On the other hand, some communities tolerate abuses such as free electricity, water, work on parking lots by city or county employees with use of community equipment, etc. We would urge Baptist churches not to permit such abuses even though they may be acceptable practices for all groups in the community with no sense of wrong-doing by anyone.

Further, we submit the need of carefully looking at tax-exempt properties when held by churches for investment purposes. The argument that the profits go for religious purposes does not seem justified to this writer. However, we would agree with Professor Walther, writing in *Religious Liberty* (May-June 1962) on "Tax Exemptions and the Churches", when after discussing abuses of tax exemption he concludes: "Church property per se must remain tax free."

To lay a tax on the churches would enhance the power of the State; it would enable the Senate to control the churches and would certainly be contrary to the basic principle of church-state separation. The State that has ever increasing need of financial resources might jeopardize the churches' ability to operate as an effective agency. Moreover, church taxation would enable only wealthy churches to subsist."

Perhaps a quote from the Supreme Court in the *Everson* cases (1947) would also be appropriate: "The amendment (First) requires the State to be a neutral in its relations with groups of religious believers and non-believers. It does not require the State to be their adversary. State power is to no more be used so as to handicap religions, than it is to favor them."

Our whole tax structure for churches and non-profit chartered institutions needs to be studied and no doubt some reforms are needed—but the "taxing of Houses of Worship" is not the way to begin.

Financial support of missions was discussed by W. C. Fields, public re-

1st, Carthage Calls Pastor

Rev. Harold T. Bryson, for the past six years pastor of First Church, Sumrall, has accepted the call of First Church, Carthage. He began his ministry there on July 15, with his first Sunday being July 20.

Bryson, a native of Tupelo, graduated from Mississippi College in 1960. He received the Bachelor of Divinity degree at New Orleans Seminary in 1963. He earned the Master of Theology degree in 1967, and has completed residency for the Doctor of Theology at New Orleans Seminary.

He is married to the former Judith Hearne of Henderson, North Carolina. They have two sons, William Francis, 3, and Thomas Harold, 2.

His former pastorates include the Euclatubba Church of Saltillo, while a student at Mississippi College. During his undergraduate studies at New Orleans, he served the Pleasant Hill Church, Greene County, and the Good Hope Church, Richton.

Tallahatchie Baptists Name New Campground Lake Side Assembly

At the last Executive Committee meeting, Tallahatchie Baptists adopted an official name for their campground, "Lake Side Baptist Assembly." The camp site is located about ten miles out of Charleston, in Tallahatchie County. Presently located on the fifty-acre site are several buildings and a caretaker's home. An assembly building also serves as cafeteria, and will seat about two hundred. This building is equipped with air-conditioning and centralized heat.

The kitchen is spacious and well supplied.

Completed in June were two cabins which sleep 22 people each. They, too, are air-conditioned and electrically heated with night security lights around them. Tallahatchie Baptists have bought a 12 by 60 mobile home and engaged a family of dedicated Christians, Mr. and Mrs. Phil Raney, to serve as caretakers; they are already living on the site.

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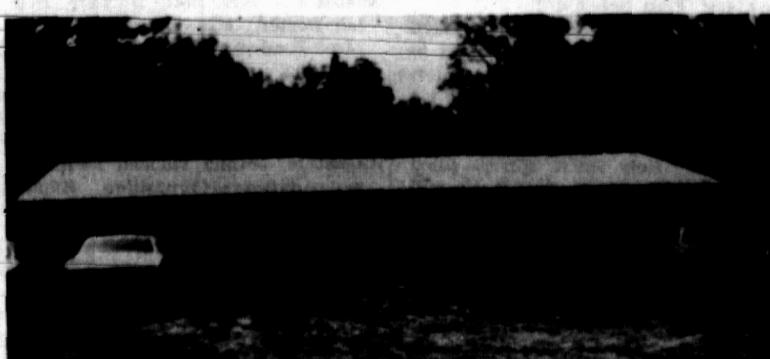
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O'Zion Sends Pastor On Archaeological Expedition

O'Zion Church, Meadville, Franklin Association, is presenting the pastor with a trip to the Holy Land. Rev. Glenn Spivey, is participating in an archaeological expedition to the Holy Land, sponsored by New Orleans Seminary and Tel Aviv University.

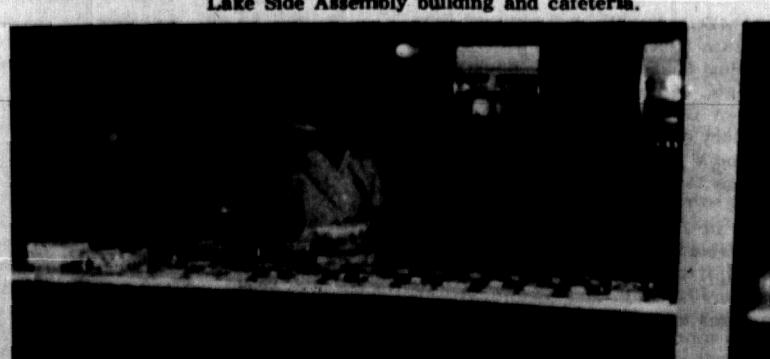
This group left New York July 17 and will return on August 17. The purpose of this expedition is to study and participate in a dig at Beersheba in southern Israel. The weekends will be free for travel and sight-seeing. Some of the places that will be visited are Jerusalem, Bethlehem, Galilee, Sea of Galilee, Capernaum, Nazareth, Dead Sea, Tel Aviv, and several others.



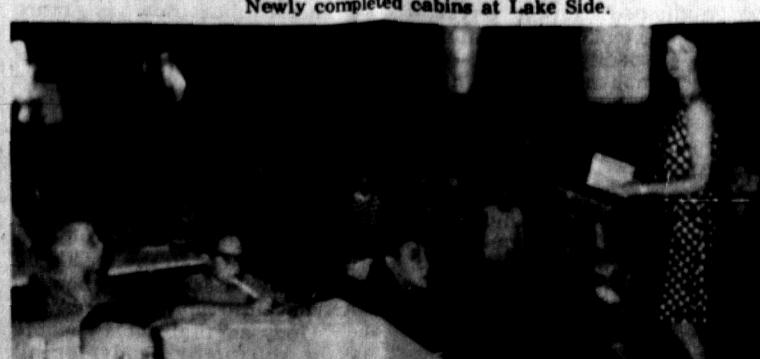
Lake Side Assembly building and cafeteria.



Newly completed cabins at Lake Side.



Cafeteria workers prepare a meal.



Bible study period during youth retreat.

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MISSION APPOINTMENTS SCHEDULED FOR GLORIETA

Southern Baptists in the western part of the United States will have another opportunity to witness the appointment for foreign missionaries during the annual Foreign Missions Conference at Glorieta (N. Mex.) Baptist Assembly, August 14-20.

The appointment service, to be held Tuesday, August 19, at 7:30 p. m., is part of the three-day meeting of the 68-member Foreign Mission Board scheduled in connection with the conference.

Candidates will give brief testimonies of Christian experience prior to final approval by the Board. Dr. W. Morris Ford, Board president and pastor of First Baptist Church, Longview, Tex., will preside.

Dr. Baker J. Caughen, executive secretary of the Board will

preach Sunday morning. Dr. Ebbe C. Smith, missionary to Indonesia, will teach adult Bible study. Denominational leaders and other furloughing missionaries and Board staff members will lead additional Bible and mission study groups for adults and youth.

Saturday afternoon missionaries will don the dress of their adopted lands for an international lawn party, with Mrs. H. Cornell Goerner, wife of the Board's secretary for Africa, as hostess.

Hudgins Preaches At Home Town Church In Tullahoma, Tenn.

Dr. Douglas Hudgins, executive secretary, was the speaker for the Sunday morning service at First Baptist Church, Tullahoma, Tenn., July 20 which served as dedication day for a new \$300,000 activities building as well as homecoming day.

Dr. Hudgins' father was state Baptist Sunday School and Training Union director for Tennessee and the Hudgins Family had lived in Tullahoma.

Dr. Hudgins was graduated from Fitzgerald - Clark High School and had spent much of his young manhood in Tullahoma.

Darlove Homecoming

Darlove Church will have annual homecoming day on August 10. Former pastors will bring the messages for the day. Friends and former members are invited. Picnic lunch will be served.



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stay over for the European conference.

Dr. Edwina Robinson, Jackson, executive secretary, Mississippi Woman's Missionary Union, is attending the conference. She is a member of the Executive Committee of Baptist World Alliance.

The Vienna City Tourist Office has kept in closest contact with the Baptist local planning committee, and has helped arrange for delegate accommodations.

There is still a possibility to register for the conference, even at this late date. The registration fee of 25 West German marks (about \$6.25) plus one night's deposit against hotel charges will enrol you as registered participants.

ing period for next year be extended for a longer period of time so that many more can be accommodated. Many had to be turned away this year because of lack of space.

On dedication night the camp pastor, Rev. Paul Hunter, brought a message to the youth and many decisions were made, six of them being professions of faith. Attending the dedication service were one hundred and eight adults and youth. Many feel a great spiritual victory was accomplished in the lives of their youth during our retreat, states Mr. Jolley.

The Association Missions Committee has already recommended to the Executive Committee that the camp-

retreat (July 14-16 fifty Juniors, and on July 17-19 forty-one Intermediates.) The retreat consisted of Bible teaching, recreation, and Christian fellowship among the youth. Local pastors and laymen served as teachers, counselors, leaders and camp pastor. The retreat was under the direction of the associational missionary G. E. Jolley.

The camp facility is dedicated to spiritual emphasis and church related use only. Not only are Tallahatchie Baptists enjoying the use of it but neighboring church groups are using it and enjoying its use. The facility is not for rent, however. As it is available, out-of-county church groups may reserve and use it for expenses only. Those desiring to reserve it should contact Rev. G. E. Jolley, Sr., of Sumner, Miss., 38057, or call him at 375-8359 Summer."

Youngsters play shuffleboard at camp.

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JOE T. ODLE, Editor

The Tenth Anniversary

It was a complete surprise, but a pleasant one, when I opened my copy of the Baptist Record, and found that Dr. Hudgins and the staff had used it for special recognition of my tenth anniversary as editor.

Of course, I had thought of the event, but simply had considered that we might give some small mention of it in September, when the tenth anniversary of my permanent election to the position comes, (I served as Interim Editor the first two and one-half months), but I was simply overwhelmed by the way it was done. All I can say is, that although I feel most unworthy, I am deeply grateful for the things that were said by Dr. Hudgins, Mrs. McWilliams of the staff, and Mr. Harris of the Advisory Committee, and for the many cards and letters I have received from friends. I would rather be in this position of service of God and Mississippi Baptists than any other place that I know.

It is difficult to believe that I have been occupying this editorial chair for ten years. It is hard to realize that for a full decade I have been watching the developments in Mississippi Baptist and Southern Baptist life, have helped plan each weekly issue as a means of telling the story of them to our readers, and have been writing editorials seeking to interpret the events that were happening so fast. Yet that decade has passed and already another has begun.

It would have been impossible to have carried the load of all of this without the assistance of a competent and dedicated staff, and the full cooperation and support of the Executive Secretaries of the Convention Board, first, the late Dr. Chester L. Quarles, and for the past year, Dr. W. Douglas Hudgins. No editor could ever have had greater support and encouragement than has been given by our executive leaders. Along with these have been the Executive Committees, the Advisory Committees, the Business Manager and the department directors of the Convention Board. All of those serving in these places have assisted us in helping the paper give a full coverage of Mississippi Baptist life.

Above all else, I am thankful to God for his blessing and guidance throughout the decade. Without His leadership, and His hearing the petitions of the many who have continually prayed for the editor, the task could not have been successfully accomplished. I give to Him the glory and praise.

I must give special recognition to the Baptist Record staff. No man could have had a finer group to work with. For the entire period the assistant editor has been Rev. Joe Abrams and the editorial assistant has been Mrs. Anne McWilliams. Both of these are trained, experienced workers, who love the Baptist Record, and have made immense contributions to its production each week. Without them the job could not have been done. A number of women have served as secretaries in the editorial department, and we are deeply grateful for their competence and their tireless efforts in getting all of the work done.

In the Circulation and Advertising department, four persons have served as director (former-

ly Business Manager). They are Mr. Jimmie Lane, Mrs. Eunice Campbell, Rev. Bill Duncan, and Rev. Bill Sellers, the incumbent, who came to the position only a few months ago. All of these have aided in a tremendous way, both in the growth of the circulation of the paper, and also in keeping it a self-supporting medium of Mississippi Baptist life. (The Baptist Record has not received one penny of Cooperative Program funds as subsidy during the entire ten years.) We are thankful to all of our advertisers who have continued to use the publication as a means of telling their story to Baptist people, and we are grateful to the almost 1400 churches which use the Every Family Plan for sending the paper to their families. All of this is under the direction of the Director of Circulation and Advertising.

Working with these directors, have been a group of dedicated women, who have served as secretaries, bookkeepers, and mailing clerks, and have kept our now more than 100,000 mailing list up to date, and address strips ready each week. Only those familiar with the work, know how tremendous this job is. Formerly, the mailing was done from the Baptist Record offices, and Wednesday was day of rush and frenzy, and additional workers were required to get the work done. Mailing now is done by the printer, and we simply furnish him with the mailing strips.

Throughout this decade we have used one printer, Thornton Publishing Company. Formerly this concern was headed by the late Mr. Duke Thornton, and is now under the direction of Mr. Ben Cain. Both of these men, and all of their employees, have given the finest possible cooperation to the Baptist Record staff. Moreover, they have kept their equipment up to date and built one of the finest printing establishments in the state, so that they are able to produce just what we strive for the paper to be in excellence in appearance and quality. It has been a pleasure to work with them through the years.

Now, as I look to a new year, and the Lord willing, yet other years, of serving in this place, I pray for God's direction and leadership. Moreover, I covet the support of all of our Mississippi Baptists, not only in the Baptist Record office, and at the convention board building, but also in churches across the state. Never has there been a period with as many challenges and needs, as the seventies seem to be opening to us, and I pray that the Baptist Record may be able to do its part, in helping meet the opportunities and responsibilities those years will bring to Southern and Mississippi Baptists. Together, under God's leadership, perhaps we can make a worthwhile contribution to the work He wants all of us to do.

Men On The Moon

Every American should feel a sense of pride, satisfaction and thanksgiving to God, for the landing of men on the moon, and then bringing them back safely to the earth. No human achievement in history even approaches this one, and it has opened new vistas of accomplishment in space travel and exploration of the universe in the days ahead.

It is pleasing to Christians to know that one of the objects left on the moon's surface was a copy of the 8th Psalm from the Bible. One cannot read this Psalm without feeling a stirring in his heart. Listen to these words:

"O Lord, our Lord, how excellent is thy name in all the earth, who hast set thy glory above the heavens. . . . When I consider thy heavens, the work of thy fingers, the moon and the stars which thou hast ordained, what is man that thou art mindful of him? And the son of man, that hast gazed him. For thou hast made him a little lower than angels, and hast crowned him with glory and honor. Thou madest us to have dominion over the

works of thy hands; thou hast put all things under his feet. . . . O Lord, our Lord, how excellent is thy name in all the earth."

This glorious Psalm tells of this mighty universe, and of the exalted position which was given to man as God's highest creation in it. God gave to man the responsibility to have dominion over the things of the universe, and now has expanded man's knowledge so that he is beginning to reach out toward some of the expanses of it. The moon landing is simply the first step. God is exalted and glorified in all that He is allowing and enabling man to accomplish in each new feat that comes. The Bible clearly predicts that man's knowledge was to be greatly expanded, and that surely is happening today.

The Psalm that tells of God's universe, and man's dominion, also tells of God's concern for that man. This, along with other portions of the Word, reveal God's love for man, and the marvelous redemption He has provided for him in Jesus Christ.

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IN AN UNCERTAIN WORLD



I THE BAPTIST FORUM I

A Letter to Television Networks

Dr. Odle: Here is a letter I am sending to all Television Networks:

I don't know who will receive this letter, but hopefully you the president will. You have never met me, and probably never will. But after a few months in the United States, I have a few thoughts that I would like to share with you.

For you see, I am a career man in the United States Navy, and do a lot of travelling around the world and the United States. I am sure you probably receive a lot of these letters, but I wanted to share my thoughts with you anyway.

For you see, sir, I am a Tired American, and I want you to know what I am tired of.

I am tired of having my country day by day run down by everybody and anybody, regardless of what they have to say, regardless of their background, and not giving people the same opportunity to say something good or constructive about our great land.

I am tired of constantly seeing Hippies, beatniks, and other militant groups in the news portrayed as heroes when the average student who wants to do good, get a good education, and who is the real backbone of our nation and the future citizen of tomorrow, never shown, and many times completely ignored. If the hippies and others must be shown, then also show the other side. For many times sir, I must confess, it gets a little heart-breaking to know that many fine young men are dying, and have died in Viet Nam, and other places, and these protestors are supposed to be the best, or this is the image received AROUND the world. While the plain old country folks, and the hard working man is completely ignored.

I am tired of seeing the Policeman portrayed to the same level, almost as bad as a criminal, because anybody who does anything, regardless of how bad, the policeman is not supposed to be rough or tough with him, and yet when the policeman's life is on the line, no one seems to care too much, and many times, the criminal is freed to go do the same thing all over. How about the policeman's fa-

mily, when he is shot in some alley, protecting your and my freedom; who is concerned about them?

I am tired of seeing our national values slip down the drain. No longer do we use good language, but a few cuss words have to be thrown in to make a few points. I ask, why is this necessary? And then we wonder why our nation is like it is, and seems to fall apart. If there seems to be a lack of good news, how about the good work being done around the world that is never known except to a few. For example, there are thousands of missionaries around the world doing excellent work each and every day, from all faiths, and this is never heard of. Why? And believe it or not, almost any place in the world, the servicemen are doing good work wherever they are stationed. This is never reported because it appears not to be news, but all the bad things, this really makes the headline fast.

And in closing sir, I am proud to be an American. For you see, I have travelled around the world, and the United States, and know that there is a lot wrong with every place, but there is no greater place than right here in the United States, and there are no better people than ours, and I just feel that there should be more emphasis on the side of life other than which is constantly shown. I am probably old-fashioned, but I still feel that the same principles our nation was founded upon. Belief in God, and trying to live right daily and helping our fellow man is the only way, even though we fail, we must constantly try.

I realize you have guidelines and rules to go by; we all have, and they are very important, and I realize that a lot of violence does occur and it must be reported, but I would like to encourage you also to show more of the good side so that our world will not seem like it is about to fall apart at the seams, and I am sure that I speak for thousands of Americans, that we will be in your debt for all your effort.

And it is my sincere prayer that God will bless you and strengthen you in difficult times like these.

James W. Shiver
Meridian, Miss.

“QUOTABLES”

Selected by the editor from contemporary thought and opinion

“NO GREAT CHURCH can exist if its components are mediocre Christians. Christian greatness is not unobtainable. The steps leading to Christian greatness include death, denial, discipline, and dedication of self.” — Dr. James S. Riley

“THE TASKS a Sunday school has to accomplish on behalf of a church make it indispensable. The first task of a Sunday school is to teach the biblical revelation—the written account of God's revealing himself to man in historical events.” — A. V. Washburn

almost beyond description, he has not been able to meet his greatest needs, those of the human soul. Man has conquered space, has lengthened human physical life, has extended communication and expedited travel, and has given man multiplied conveniences, but he has not been able to change human nature, or conquer sin in human hearts. Evil still is there, and only God can take it away. He has made that possible through sending his own Son, Jesus Christ, to earth, to die for men, to conquer death, to return to glory, and one day to return to the earth to receive redeemed men to himself.

God is concerned about men, and has set His church in the world to reveal to men how He has expressed that concern through Jesus Christ. The tremendous effort of men of science to reach the moon, should challenge all Christians now to give their utmost efforts to giving a Christian witness to the whole earth. A world of people about to reach out into space, needs to know God, so that those people may be spiritually ready for all that they may learn and accomplish. Our task is to let them know that God is concerned about every earthling too, and of the glorious provision He has made, for them.

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Quiet Talks

ON RELIGION IN LIFE

CHESTER E. SWOR

Do You Have A Song?

Do you recall the amusing words of Lord, “The Lord Is My Shepherd, This Is My Father's World.” For Discouragement: “How Firm A Foundation,” “Are Ye Able?” “He Is Able To Deliver Thee,” “Standing On The Promises.” For Guidance When Confused: “He Leadeth Me,” “Saviour Like A Shepherd Lead Us,” “Guide Me, O Thou Great Jehovah.” For More Faith: “My Faith Looks Up To Thee,” “I Know Whom I Have Believed,” “Have Faith In God,” “Faith Is The Victory.” For Strength: “Leaning On The Everlasting Arms,” “I Will Not Forget Thee,” “He Hideth My Soul,” “O Safe To The Rock.”

Singing At Midnight
You will recall that, because of their preaching, Paul and Silas were beaten and cast into prison. Act 16:25 gives us this remarkable item: “And at midnight Paul and Silas prayed, and sang praises unto God; and the prisoners heard them.” Singing not only in the dark of midnight, but in the darkness of suffering and imprisonment: what a challenge to those of us who bear only a fraction of their load of suffering and sorrow!

It never gets too dark for the Christian to sing if in his heart there is a song of faith. . . . And if we sing our songs of faith in the darkness of the day, God will see to it that there are songs in the night to sustain us!

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NEWEST BOOKS

THE PRACTICAL MESSAGE OF JAMES by Howard P. Colson (Broadman, paperback, \$1.50, 90 pp.)

This exposition of the Epistle of James emphasizes the practical application of its teachings to Christian living. Dr. Colson first introduces the Letter of James, giving its background and purpose and its value to today's readers. He then “gets down to specifics” as he examines the marks of genuine religion and the result of faith put into practice.

SING ME A BIBLE SONG by Alma May Scarborough (Broadman, 32 pp., \$1.35)

Here six paraphrased psalms are compiled for singing and reading and telling to children. They are designed to help children get a sense of rhythm and joy and beauty found in the Bible. Children will enjoy the colorful cover and the delightful illustrations by Ralph McDonald.

MOMMY COMES FOR ME by Jewell Wells Nelson (Broadman, 32 pp., \$1.35)

The story in this book for young children is told in three episodes: “Jay's Good Friend,” “Jay Visits Grandfather and Grandmother,” and “Jay Likes to Go to Church.” Pictures are by Helen McCracken.

CHRISTIAN COMMUNICATOR'S HANDBOOK by Floyd A. Craig (Broadman, paperback, 96 pp., \$3.50)

A practical guide for church public relations. Part One deals with the understanding of public relations, and begins with definition of terms. Part Two tells “how to get started.” Part Three shows how to use the “tools” or media. And Part Four presents six steps in designing a workable public relations program for the church. This is an attractive book, clearly written, and practical.

THE SECOND CROSS by John M. Carter (Broadman, 128 pp., \$1.50), Readers' Plan Selection

A challenge to live the Spirit-filled life. “The purpose of this book is to help many sincere Christians understand a truth on which they have turned their backs. . . . It has many different names—sanctification, baptism of the Holy Spirit, spirit-filled life, and others. . . . This book will seek to demonstrate that the higher level of spiritual power attained by many in the early church is still available to the present-day Christian. Moreover, it is the will of God for every man.” The author was president of Campbellsville College in Kentucky when he wrote this book.

August 4 — Mrs. J. Clifford Watson, faculty, Clarke College; Louie Farmer, Jr., Univ. of Southern Mississippi, Baptist student director.

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August 6 — Alice Stogner, staff, Children's Village; W. W. Boggan, Greenville supt. of missions.

August 7 — Mrs. Bessie Bates, staff, Wm. Carey College; Miss Johnnie Armstrong, faculty, Blue Mtn. College.

August 8 — Mrs. Betty Barham, Beulah Bester, Mrs. Betty Bingham, Mrs. Sandra Brannon, Baptist Building employees.

August 9 — Bea Fortenberry, Baptist Book Store; Earl Kelly, Education Commission.

August 10 — Carl Talbert, Paul Leber, Advisory Committee, Baptist Record.

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Von Braun Interviewed

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To Have Good Effect

Dr. Von Braun feels that probes into space will have a good effect on man's spiritual life. "Our religion, our environment and our outlook has been earthbound," he said. "Astronomy and space explorations are teaching us that the good Lord is a much greater Lord, and master of a greater kingdom."

"Manned space flight is an amazing achievement, but it has opened for us thus far only a tiny door for viewing the awesome reaches of space. Our outlook through this peephole at the vast mysteries of the universe only confirms our belief in the certainty of its Creator."

Dr. Von Braun sees no reason why God cannot retain the same central position in the world of technology and cyclotrons that he held before the modern scientific world dawned. The Christian Life interview quoted him:

"I find it best through faith to accept God as an intelligent will, perfect in goodness, revealing Himself in the world of experience more fully down through the ages as man's capacity for understanding grows. For spiritual comfort I find assurance in the concept of the fatherhood of God. And for ethical guidance I rely on the corollary concept of the brotherhood of man."



W. GLENN HENDERSON, missionary associate who teaches agriculture at Ricks Institute, a Baptist school near Monrovia, Liberia, seems about ready to sample a watermelon raised on the campus. (Photo by H. Cornell Goerner.)

Free Watermelons

A NEWSPAPER account told of a California Department of Agriculture inspectors condemning a truckload of watermelons because they were too ripe to sell. A company official immediately placed a sign on the truck which read: "Free watermelons."

An hour later all 4,000 melons had disappeared. One who witnessed the incident said: "I didn't know so many people lived in this neighbourhood."

When people saw the sign, they didn't doubt it. Their faith was strong enough to believe the sign meant what it said, so they simply helped themselves to the melons. Faith in the sign was all they needed.

To obtain eternal life, one also needs faith. God's Word displays "signs" that are infinitely superior to the "melon signs" on the truck. Consider one that reads: "For the wages of sin is death; but the gift of God is eternal life through Jesus Christ our Lord" (Romans 6:23).

For those too fearful to heed that astonishing message, God gives another: "And whosoever will, let him take the water of life freely" (Revelation 22:17).

If one looks closely, another sign can be seen. It says: "I will give unto him that is athirst of the fountain of the water of life freely" (Revelation 21:6).

Are you thirsting for eternal life? If so, why not take by faith what God gives freely to thirsty souls?

The first sign we mentioned said eternal life is given "through Jesus Christ our Lord." He is the only One who died for our sins, was buried, and arose for our justification. He said, "I am . . . the life" (John 14:6). When one places faith in Him that person receives eternal life.

If you would take a free watermelon because of some words on a sign, will you not take eternal life because of some plain words found in the Holy Scriptures?—NOW

"Because of the wonderful things it has done for society, science often is valued too highly. We should remember that science exists only because there are people, and its concepts exist only in the minds of men."

Dr. Von Braun said he was certain there are other beings in the universe. "I am in no position to say whether man will find that Christ's appearance on earth was a unique event in the universe. It could very well be that the Lord would, under comparable circumstances, send His Son to other worlds to bring the Gospel to them."

"I believe the good Lord is full of

such tremendous compassion that He will take whatever steps are necessary to bring the truth to His creation."

He feels, on a scientific basis, that spiritual existence continues after death. "Science has found that nothing can disappear without a trace. Nature does not know extinction. All it knows is transformation."

"Now, if God applies this fundamental principle to the most minute and insignificant parts of His Universe, doesn't it make sense to assume that He applies it also to the masterpiece of His creation—the human soul? I think it does."

Church Staff Needs?

New Service Offered

A new firm with offices in Nashville, Tennessee offers a unique service to Baptist churches and personnel committees. The company, Charles H. Downey and Associates, offers a complete portfolio of information on individual pastors, ministers of music, education, and youth to interested churches and authorized church committees.

This new service has been designed to aid churches in gathering initial information concerning prospective staff members. Such information includes the education, background and experience of the person as well as a complete file of references, evaluation of ministry effectiveness and growth, and financial responsibility.

Owner of the new company is Charles Downey, a minister of music for 18 years and former Administration Consultant with the Baptist Sunday School Board. Downey explained the service by saying, "The information is much the same as received by investigative agencies, but from a sympathetic and spiritual point of view, as well as from a business and professional standpoint, and it is completely confidential."

If no file exists on the person, it is developed immediately with no loss of valuable time to the churches. Other information of special interest to individual churches can also be secured upon request.

Interested churches or committees can obtain information with regard to the service and its cost by writing or calling Charles H. Downey and Associates, 226 Capitol Boulevard, Nashville, Tennessee.

Correction —

It was Highland Baptist Church in Meridian instead of First Baptist Church that sent a youth choir to participate in the recent Crusade of Americas in Ohio.

A Baptist Record story on page one of the issue of July 17 had erroneously stated that it was First Baptist. The Baptist Record is glad to make correction.

BSSB Employees —

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at the University of Corpus Christi (Tex.), plus other stores on Baptist senior and junior college campuses which will be added as opportunities arise and as budget is provided.

William S. Graham, manager of the Baptist Book Store at Southern Baptist Theological Seminary, was named to head the new campus stores department.

Appeal for the annual Southern Baptist Convention program to be presented on a program basis rather than an agency basis was also made by the board. A petition to the SBC committee on order of business to arrange presentations to the SBC messengers according to the convention's programs of work rather than according to agencies was approved.

The board gave as reasons for this action:

1. It would make the reporting to the messengers consistent with other reporting procedures.

2. It would give messengers a more consistent basis for evaluating the programs of work of the convention.

Landrum P. Leavell, II, pastor, First Baptist Church, Wichita Falls, Tex., was re-elected president of the board. Leavell has also served as a vice president of the SBC.

Nashville Postmaster Lewis E. Moore was chosen as chairman of the Executive Committee. Re-elected to serve the board as recording secretary was Roy W. Babb, pastor, Edgefield Baptist Church, Nashville.

The dates of the next elected board meeting are January 26-27, 1970.

Few activities can gain as much wholehearted participation as can fun drama. A dozen or more people can easily be involved in preparing the simplest skit or stunt, and a room full of people of all ages can be led to active participation by dividing them into small groups and sending them aside to create a brief drama from a given humorous situation. — Cecil McGee in "Drama for Fun," Broadman Press.

Stealey had been widely recognized throughout the Southern Baptist Convention as both pastor and educator. He was the first person to receive the E. Y. Mullins denominational service award from Southern Baptist Theological Seminary when the first award was created in 1963.

The retired seminary president had received both his master and doctor of theology degrees from Southern Seminary, and was a "fellow" to Dr. Mullins as a student. He was also a graduate of Oklahoma Baptist University, Shawnee, Okla.

He had been pastor of the First Baptist Church of Raleigh, N. C., and Bloomington, Ind., and the Bainbridge Street Baptist Church in Richmond, Va. Previously, he was principal of William Jewell College, Liberty, Mo., and principal of a high school in Ringling, Okla.

The son of a Baptist preacher, Stealey was born in Martinsburg, W. Va., March 7, 1897. His father was C. P. Stealey, who was for many years pastor of churches in Richmond, Va., and Washington, D. C., and founder of the Oklahoma Baptist Messenger (1912).

Stealey was a member of the Executive Committee of the Southern Baptist Convention, and the executive boards of the Baptist state conventions of Indiana and North Carolina.

Survivors include Mrs. Stealey, a son, Sydnor Jr., of Fairbanks, Alaska, and a daughter, Mrs. Frank Vance of Winston-Salem, N. C.



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The Tide Rises, The Tide Falls

DARKNESS SETTLES on roofs and walls, but the sea, the sea in the darkness calls; the little waves, with their soft, white hands, efface the footprints

in the sands, and the tide rises, the tide falls.—Henry Wadsworth Longfellow. — (Photo by Orville Andrews)

West Point Youth Chorus To "Tell It Like It Is"

One of the first Mississippi performances of the Christian folk musical, "Tell It Like It Is," will be presented at West Point on Tuesday evening, August 5 at 8 p. m. The performance will be held in the Junior High School Auditorium.

Singing the music will be the West Point Christian Youth Community Chorus, composed of young people from several West Point churches. Directing the 100-voice chorus will be Jerry Neely, Minister of Music at First Baptist Church. The chorus was organized last summer with the presentation of the folk musical "Good News" three times.

In addition to the West Point performance the chorus will also present the musical at First Church, Louisville on Saturday evening, Au-

August 2, 1969 — The first street Post Office letter boxes were erected in Boston, Mass., and New York City.

Kurt Kaiser and Ralph Carmichael. It deals with youth's outlook concerning God, today's world problems, and the transforming power of Christ. Accompaniment is provided by piano, guitars, and drums.

Bible Distribution Increases In Belgium

In the first six months of this year the Bible Society distributed in Belgium 6,947 Bibles (2,672 more than in the corresponding period last year) and 2,157 New Testaments (222 more than last year). In addition to these, 12,239 Bibles and 11,906 New Testaments were produced and dispatched to other countries.—(EBPS)

House In England Bought For Elderly

A large furnished house has been bought by the Baptist Men's Housing Association in Great Britain to be used for retired ministers, missionaries, deaconesses, and other elderly Baptist people. The building is Manor Court, located in Worthing, England.

The house contains 12 small apartments—10 double and two single. There is also a lounge, sun lounge, garage, and gardens. Each apartment has a small kitchen.

More homes for the elderly will be built on another site. (EBPS)

SCRAPBOOK



Some Perils Of The Summer Time

We might as well face it. The distractions and dangers of summertime seem to be here to stay. It is futile to ignore them in the hope that they will eventually go away. A good many have tried that. It doesn't work. Some of these perennial problems can survive a lot of ignorance. Here are some that are still with us.

1. LOW TEMPERATURE. As the Fahrenheit thermometer goes up the spiritual thermometer goes down.

2. OVERCROWDING. Mainly on Sunday! Overcrowding at the golf course beach, picnic grounds, zoo, on the highway and the byways. Overcrowding everywhere—except on church parking lots.

3. SLEEPING SICKNESS. The summer variety has nothing to do with the tsetse fly and it is not restricted to tropical Africa. The symptoms include drowsiness and lethargy. The brain and the backbone seem to be involved, but it is doubtful that the trouble is organic since this particular kind of sleeping sickness occurs mainly on Sunday mornings.

4. THE SUNDAY AFTERNOON COMA. Mid-Summer weather appears to aggravate this deplorable malady. It is mostly a spiritual condition characterized by lassitude and complacency, a state of profound insensibility from which it is difficult to arouse a person in time for the Sunday evening church services.

5. MID-WEEK AMNESIA. Warm weather apparently brings a higher increase of "Wednesday night forgetfulness." It afflicts church members mainly and can be identified by a marked inability to remember the time, place, and purpose of the mid-week prayer meeting.

These are but a few of the perils and pitfalls which beset the wayfarer during this season of the year. You alone can decide how you will spend God's good summertime. You can please God, or you can make Satan laugh, but remember that God keeps the record.

The Weekly Messenger,

East Moss Point Church

Gift Of Love

DANANG, South Vietnam — Soldiers

returning from Vietnam bring back

varied souvenirs and memories.

But Marine Gunnery Sgt. Lou T. Deshaies, 33, of Leominster, Mass., is bringing

back a gift of love, a one-year-old Vi-

etnamese girl he is adopting. Sgt.

Deshaies, assistant operations chief

for the 11th Marine Regiment, 1st

Marine Division, fell in love with

Cindy Lou when he visited the Sacred

Heart Orphanage in Danang. He

showed pictures of the little girl to

his wife, Joanne, during a leave in

Hawaii, and they decided to adopt

her. The 18-year Marine veteran has

only one doubt—he feels his six-

year-old son would have preferred a

brother.—(RNS Photo)



O Lord! that lends me life, Lend me a heart replete with thankfulness!

—William Shakespeare

Share your joys with others. It takes two to be glad.

GOD'S TRUSTEE

By Ben C. Scarborough

Brentwood, Mississippi

Mail 3:10

I dreamed I was the keeper of the storehouse of the Lord. And tried to fill the awesome job according to His word. I trembled as I thought of holding keys to great amount.

And thought that for all His riches I had to give account.

As I awoke, I realized my dream a truth had taught.

"Of all I hold in hand that's mine, the total sum is naught.

My life and my possessions are but a trust from God.

To be used as I am led by His eternal staff and rod."

All things in this world are His, and He, in turn, is mine.

But I've withheld His holy title not owning it divine.

The blessings for which I have prayed I found on closer look.

Piled high in heaven's window: the lock was on my pocketbook.

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Death's Challenge In Alaska

By Virgie Brown, U. S. - 2 Missionary, Home Mission Board

(Note: One June 17, 1968, the oldest and only male, adult member of Shungnak Baptist Mission died.

US-2er Mike Brown was in Kotzebue, so his wife, Virgie, found herself preaching a funeral — another of the many unique experiences she has had since beginning their two years service in 1967. Her following account of her assistance when death touched two different families reveals Eskimo traditions, as well as the trust the Browns have earned in the villages they serve.)

"I came from Shungnak to Kobuk about 8 o'clock at night (at this time of year, of course, there really isn't any night). Never before have I seen such cooperation.

The ladies of the community were washing the body for burial. So we

men brought lumber and made the casket while other men went to dig a grave. (Alaskan summers can get hot, and the Eskimos know that bodies don't keep long in the heat.)

"No one was sitting around crying. The stepdaughter was in charge of feeding everybody. I expected the neighbors to take over, but nobody did. Everybody just found something to do and did it. During the night I made trips across the village getting things from the mission that were needed — dish towels, extra cups, food.

"One of the ladies made new caribou slippers for the man to be buried in, the men had finished the grave, and one of the grandsons had carved the grave marker.

"At 5:30 that morning I finally went to bed. Since the whole village of Shungnak was also in Kobuk, there weren't an abundant amount of sleep-

ing places. I had put two little girls in my bed earlier in the night, so now their mother got in with them and I crawled into the sleeping bag for two hours. By 7:30 I was on the radio trying to get the airlines to bring Mike to preach the funeral. But there was no way to know whether Mike was coming until the plane landed.

"After noon someone discovered the grave had filled in with water so the boys left again to dig, knowing that it took a good five hours. The plane landed about 2 P.M. and there wasn't any Mike. I just went to the mission by myself a few minutes to face up to the fact that this was my funeral and I'd just have to go through with it. Around 5 the family decided to charter a plane to get another stepdaughter. The trip would take three hours.

"At last when everything was ready I tried to find out when they wanted to start the service. The time was set for 9. Charlie Sheldon, a former lay pastor at Kobuk, had come to help me with the part of the service I knew nothing about, the history of the deceased. The service was over at the church around 10, my part having been brief.

"The casket was nailed closed and we proceeded to the graveside. Now this wasn't an ordinary procession. First we went by boat across the lakes and got on a road back across the tundra and walked for miles, it seemed to me. When we got there, we did not proceed directly with the graveside service. First a tent was set up and the women began to cook. Men began to dig and to cut trees. After everyone had eaten, we gathered around the grave, sang a song, had a verse of Scripture and a word of prayer before we started the long trek home. I fell into bed after 2 A.M.

"One winter night I went over to the home of the Woods family where their smallest child lay so sick and

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AT AN ALASKAN FUNERAL recently US-2 Missionary Virgie Brown observed that "No one was sitting around crying. Never before have I seen such cooperation." According to tradition, the men pictured here lower a casket they made into a grave they dug. Friends and family also made a new parka and mukluks (boots) and knit new mittens for the young child who died. The Browns work in the northwest villages of Shungnak and Kobuk.

Woman's Missionary Union

WMU Camp

August 14-21

All WMU Officers and Members! Each day 9:30-3 P.M. Come any day (not Saturday or Sunday!) except August 19th — Associational Officers and helpers come August 19th.

The state WMU staff will be assisted by eleven capable conference leaders—some of them are pictured.

Mision Support Chairman



Mrs. Vernon May
WMU President

Beginner Sunbeam Leaders



Rosetta McIntire
Alabama Sunbeam Director

Junior GA Leaders



Mrs. Maurice Hedges
Amory

WMU Directors, Secretaries
WMS Presidents, Secretaries

WMS Directors (15th and 21st only)
Mission Study Chairmen
Mission Support Chairmen
Mission Action Chairmen
Study Group Leaders
Prayer Group Leaders
Action Group Leaders
YWA Directors and Leaders
GA Directors and Leaders
Sunbeam Band Directors and Leaders

Intermediate
GA Leaders



Mrs. Jewell Smith
Brookhaven

Mission Study Chairman



Mrs. Steadley Gooch
Pontotoc

Mission Action Group Leaders



Mrs. O. B. Beverly
Woodville

Brotherhood

World Missions Rally

The fourth annual Brotherhood World Missions Rally has the total mission idea involved. We are emphasizing State, Home, and Foreign Missions.

It is our desire that pastors, ministers of education, superintendents of missions, associational and church Brotherhood leadership will attend this rally.

We have had several inquiries relative to the attendance of family groups. This we encourage; however,

facilities to accommodate family groups are limited. Please get in your requests for reservations as soon as possible, if you plan to bring your family.

Registration starts at 8:45 a.m. Saturday, September 13; and the rally ends with the noonday meal on Sunday, September 14. Total cost is \$7.25, lunch (Saturday), \$1.25; supper (Saturday), \$1.25; insurance, \$.35; lodging, \$2.50; breakfast (Sunday), \$.85; and lunch (Sunday), \$1.25.

Closed Circuit TV Used To Train Baptist Youth

GLORIETA, N. M. (BP)—Through a series of eight closed-circuit television programs, approximately 2,000 teenagers at Glorieta Baptist Assembly have participated in the first series of mass discussions on practical problems facing contemporary youth. The discussion were called "Tune In."

During two weeks of youth conferences sponsored by the church training department of the Southern Baptist Sunday School Board, Nashville, students aged 13-16 participated in video-taped interviews and live television panels.

Emmett Larry Walker, minister-at-large for Metropolitan New York, led discussions on sex, drugs, hippies, the generation gap, the war in Vietnam, teen-age issues, and the church's role in the lives of teenagers.

Technicians strung 1500 feet of cable requiring 60 man hours to make the Glorieta studio operational.

The kids are opinionated, articulate, and eager to be heard," Walker said. "We do not try to monitor or edit anything they say. No tutoring, lecturing, or preaching is involved in this program, for we feel they can reach intelligent decisions for themselves through two-sided discussions."

Not only were teenagers the stars of the show, but several cameramen and technical assistants were recruited from the conferences.

Walker said that since the test program in 1968, technical improvements, the addition of a second camera, and a smoother format have been accomplished.

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Proposed Calendar Of Activities For 1970

(This listing is correct as of the present. Other dates will be added by the various departments of the Mississippi Baptist Convention Board as the time and place for the meetings are confirmed.)

JANUARY

1-31—Elect Church Training Union Director

5-9—Bible Study Week: *The Letter of James*

6—Executive Committee—MBCB

11—Soul-winning Committee Day

12—Alcohol Misuse & Drug Abuse Conference, Emmanuel, Grenada, 7:00-9:00 p.m. (Christian Action Commission)

13—Alcohol Misuse & Drug Abuse Conference, First Ripley, 7:00-9:00 p.m. (Christian Action Commission)

15—Alcohol Misuse & Drug Abuse Conference, First, Raleigh, 7:00-9:00 p.m. (Christian Action Commission)

16—Alcohol Misuse & Drug Abuse Conference, First, Vicksburg, 7:00-9:00 p.m. (Christian Action Commission)

23—Baptist Men's Day

26-27—Mississippi "Shaping the Seventies" Conference, First, Jackson

28-Mar. 31—Associational "Shaping the Seventies" Clinics

29-31—District Festivals (piano, organ, voice, song-leading)

FEBRUARY

Christian Citizenship & Church & State (Christian Action Commission)

2—Pastor Priority Preview

2-4—Evangelistic Conference, Gulfshore

3—Executive Committee—MBCB

8-14—YWA Focus Week

9—Christian Citizenship & Church & State Conference, First, Leland, 7:00-9:00 p.m. (Christian Action Commission)

9-10—Associational "Shaping the Seventies" Clinics

10—Christian Citizenship & Church & State Conference, Harrisburg, Tupelo, 7:00-9:00 p.m. (Christian Action Commission)

12—Christian Citizenship & Church & State Conference, First, Hazlehurst, 7:00-9:00 p.m. (Christian Action Commission)

12-13—Associational "Shaping the Seventies" Clinics

13—Christian Citizenship & Church & State Conference, First, Biloxi, 7:00-9:00 p.m. (Christian Action Commission)

16-18—State Vacation Bible School Clinic, Gulfshore

19-21—Mississippi REA, Vista Hotel, Biloxi

21—Youth Meeting (12-17), First, Poplarville (WMU)

21—Young Adult (18-29), Prentiss (WMU)

23-27—State Family Life Conference, Ridgecrest, Jackson (Christian Action Commission)

27-State Youth Music Tournament & Workshop, William Carey College, Hattiesburg

28—Youth Meeting (12-17), Highland, Laurel (WMU)

28—Young Adult (18-29), Liberty (WMU)

MARCH

Community Moral Concerns (Pornography, Honesty, Gambling, etc.) (Christian Action Commission)

Mar.-June—Training Union Consultations

1-8—Week of Prayer for Home Missions & Annie Armstrong Easter Offering

2—Community Moral Concerns (Pornography, Honesty, Gambling, etc.), First, New Albany, 7:00-9:00 p.m. (Christian Action Commission)

3—Community Moral Concerns (Pornography, Honesty, Gambling, etc.), First, Starkville, 7:00-9:00 p.m. (Christian Action Commission)

3—Executive Committee—MBCB

5—Community Moral Concerns (Pornography, Honesty, Gambling, etc.), First, Magee, 7:00-9:00 p.m. (Christian Action Commission)

6—Community Moral Concerns (Pornography, Honesty, Gambling, etc.), First, Gulfport, 7:00-9:00 p.m. (Christian Action Commission)

7—Youth Meeting (12-17), First, Philadelphia (WMU)

7—Young Adult (18-29), Ridgecrest, Jackson (WMU)

8—Home Missions Day in the Sunday School

9-10—Associational "Shaping the Seventies" Clinics

12-13—Associational "Shaping the Seventies" Clinics

14—Queen's Court, Garaywa (WMU)

16-17—Associational "Shaping the Seventies" Clinics

20—Man & Boy Rally, First, Wiggins (Brotherhood)

21—Youth Meeting (12-17), First, Houston (WMU)

21—Young Adult (18-29), First, Lucent (WMU)

23-27—"Shaping the Seventies"—Gulfshore

24-26—WMU Convention, Broadmoor, Jackson

26—Teacher Training Institute for General Officer Training Week, Temple, Hattiesburg; First, Clinton

27—Teacher Training Institute for General Officer Training Week, First, Houston; Oakhurst, Clarkdale

27—Man & Boy Rally, First, Crystal Springs (Brotherhood)

28—Youth Meeting (12-17), Broadmoor, Jackson (WMU)

28—Young Adult (18-29), West, Laurel (WMU)

APRIL

3—Man & Boy Rally, State Boulevard, Meridian (Brotherhood)

4—Youth Meeting (12-17), First, McComb (WMU)

4—Young Adult (18-29), Poplar Springs, Meridian (WMU)

7—Executive Committee—MBCB

10—Man & Boy Rally, Moorehead (Brotherhood)

11—State Jr. Choral Festival, Coliseum, Jackson

11—Youth Meeting (12-17), First, Newton; Jackson, Parkway; Biloxi, First; Natchez, First

12—Man & Boy Rally, East Heights, Tupelo (Brotherhood)

17-18—BSU Leadership Training Conference, Gulfshore

18—Youth Meeting (12-17), Emmanuel, Grenada (WMU)

18—Young Adult (18-29), Parkway, Tupelo (WMU)

19—Cooperative Program Day

20-24—General Officer Training Week (Associational Training Project)

MAY

1-8—Ridgecrest: Music Leadership Conference; Youth Music Workshop

2-8—Glorieta: Sunday School Week

6-11—Second Youth Week, Gulfshore

6-11—RA Camp, Kittiwake

7—Executive Committee — MBCB

9-15—Glorieta: Sunday School Week

9-15—Ridgecrest: Training Union Conference

13-18—Third Youth Week, Gulfshore

13-18—RA Camp, Kittiwake

16-22—Glorieta: Music Leadership Conference; Youth Music Workshop

16-22—Ridgecrest: Training Union Conference

20-25—Fourth Youth Week, Gulfshore

20-25—RA Camp, Kittiwake

22-26—Ridgecrest: Sunday School - Training Union Week

27-Aug. 1—Fifth Youth Week, Gulfshore

29-Aug. 5—Glorieta: World Missions Conference

30-Aug. 5—Ridgecrest: Sunday School Week

JUNE

GA Camps

1-2—WMA Annual Meeting, Denver, Colorado

1-2—Southern Baptist REA, Denver, Colorado

1-2—Southern Baptist Church Music Conference, Denver, Colorado

2-5—Southern Baptist Convention, Denver, Colorado

5-6—Associational YWA Officers, Garaywa

8-13—RA Camp, Kittiwake

9—Executive Committee—MBCB

11-17—Glorieta: Training Union Conference

12-18—Youth Music Week, Gulfshore

15-20—RA Camp, Kittiwake

15-20—Youth Week

18-24—Glorieta: Training Union Conference

21-25—Church Leader Training Week (Associational Training Project)

26—Brotherhood Leadership Training Conference, First, Crystal Springs

26—Executive Committee—MBCB

28-29—Mississippi Baptist Convention Board Meeting

28-29—Leadership Courses, Wiggins (WMU)

OCTOBER

Cooperative Program Month

Youth Choral Festival in Each Association

Music Planning Meetings of Associational Music Officers

1—Leadership Courses, First, Laurel (WMU)

1—Brotherhood Leadership Training Conference, First, McComb

5—Brotherhood Leadership Training Conference, Hattiesburg, Tupelo

5-6—Leadership Courses, First, Natchez (WMU)

5-7—Lee Central Training School

8—Leadership Courses, Monticello (WMU)

12—Brotherhood Leadership Training Conference, First, Greenwood

12-14—Glorieta: Foreign Missions Conference

12-16—Music Literature Interpretation Conferences

15—Leadership Courses, First, West Point (WMU)

19-20—Leadership Courses, First, Union (WMU)

22—Leadership Courses, First, Winona (WMU)

22—Ellisville Institute on Retardation (Cooperative Missions)

25-27—Leadership Courses, Jackson, Calvary (WMU)

27—Associational Leadership Meeting—South Area (Cooperative Missions)

28—Associational Leadership Meeting—Central Area (Cooperative Missions)

29—Leadership Courses, Drew (WMU)

29—Associational Leadership Meeting—North Area (Cooperative Missions)

NOVEMBER

1-7—RA Week

2—Area Training Union Leadership Conferences, First, Gulfport; First, Greenville

2—Leadership Courses, First, Batesville (WMU)

3—Area Training Union Leadership Conferences, Main Street, Hattiesburg; First, Grenada

4—Area Training Union Leadership Conferences, First, McComb; First, Booneville

5—Area Training Union Leadership Conferences, Robinson Street, Jackson; First, Senatobia

5—Leadership Courses, First, Booneville (WMU)

6—Area Training Union Leadership Conferences, Fifteenth Avenue, Meridian; First, West Point

9—Baptist Men's Conference & Banquet, Jackson

9—Executive Committee—MBCB

10-12—Mississippi Baptist Convention, First, Jackson

21—State Youth Choral Festival, State Handbell Festival, State Festival for Instrumental Soloists and Instrumental Ensembles, New City Auditorium, Jackson

22—Child Care Day

23—Training Union "M" Night

24—Executive Committee—MBCB

24—Convention Board Meeting

25-Dec. 6—Week of Prayer for Foreign Missions & Lottie Moon Christmas Offering

DECEMBER

1—4—Missionaries' Orientation Fellowship Meeting (Cooperative Missions)

6—Foreign Missions Day in Sunday School

11-17—Ridgecrest: Foreign Missions Conference

22—Convention-wide Church Carol Sing (in each church)

27—Student Night at Christmas

28-29—Mississippi Youth Convention, Calvary, Jackson (Training Union)

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SUNDAY SCHOOL LESSON

THE INTERNATIONAL LESSON

LIFE AND WORK CURRICULUM

God's Covenant And Law

By Clifton J. Allen

Exodus 19:24

The events recorded in our lesson mark the birth of Israel as a nation. God was dealing with a great host of people just out of slavery. The people lacked religious understandings and convictions. They were quite unprepared for the responsibilities essential to national unity and a sense of mission under God. This emphasizes all the more

the importance of God's initiative, and the importance of the giving of the law which was to become the foundation of the nation's life. At Mount Sinai God revealed himself in special ways to Moses and to all the people. He gave them laws to guide their worship, their personal morality, their social and business relationships, and their civil responsibility. God's revelation of himself, and God's dealings with the Israelites at Sinai became central in Hebrew history.

The Lesson Explained

The Covenant Offered (19:3-6)

In one sense, the Sinai experience of the Israelites was a renewal of the covenant, at first made with Abraham, Isaac, and Jacob. But here it was given fuller meaning through the moral and ethical content of the Ten Commandments and of the book of the covenant. God charged Moses to impress on the people what he had done for them. They were redeemed people. This fact was to be the foundation of the covenant relationship. Further, the covenant involved obligations on the part of the Israelites. If they would hearken to God's voice and keep his covenant, he would make them a peculiar treasure in a unique relationship with himself. This covenant committed God to take care of his people, and it constituted the Israelites as a servant nation to the Lord to be the medium through which he would reveal himself more fully to all mankind and carry forward his purpose of world redemption.

The Covenant Accepted (19:7-8)

God's instructions to Moses affirmed God's ownership of all the earth. But God chose the Israelites out of all other peoples to be related to him in a special way, to have access to him in a special way, and to reflect something of his ethical character as a holy nation. Moses presented the terms of the covenant to the people. It called for their acceptance and faithfulness as well as God's fidelity to his promise. The Israelites were faced with their responsibility. They responded by expressing the purpose of full and willing obedience. Their promise, "All that the Lord hath spoken we will do," reflected the sincerity of their enthusiasm and inspiration at the time, but it lacked a great deal of depth and mature understanding — as later events proved.

The Law Given (19:16-17; 20: 18-20)

The giving of the law involved dramatic and awe-inspiring events. The verses singled out for special consideration tell of thunders and lightnings, of the cloud over the mountain, and of trumpet blasts. These manifestations of God's presence were meant to impress on the people the majesty of God and the meaningfulness of the covenant being established and of the laws being given. Following God's instructions, Moses called the people to assemble before Mount Sinai, but not to come nearer than the border indicated lest they be destroyed. God's holiness was thus impressed on the people. We are not surprised that the people trembled. They feared for their life and entreated Moses to communicate to them the commandments and truths they needed to hear and understand. They had no occasion to be afraid of God, as Moses indicated; but they had every reason to recognize God's majesty and holiness and to be reverential in attitude and willing in their obedience.

Truths to Live By

God ordains laws for nations. — Laws are needed to guide a nation's life. Civil authority is ordained of God, as we learn from both Old Testament and New Testament teaching. This matter is of urgent importance in our nation at the present time. For a spirit of lawlessness, denying the validity of law and rejecting the authority of the law, has developed sufficiently to produce situations of riot and anarchy in numerous cities. Such a spirit contains a potential for disunity, strife, and the destruction of both property and life of alarming proportions. The need is critically urgent for all citizens to resolve that

this nation shall be marked by law and order, "with liberty and justice for all," under the sovereignty of God, ruler of all nations and all men.

Christians are under the moral law. — This lesson has urgent relevance for Christians by confronting them with the moral demands of the Ten Commandments. Christ did not excuse us from the obligation to live according to the moral law as he interpreted it and demonstrated it through his life and teachings. The "Thou shalt nots" of the Ten Commandments set forth guidelines for moral behavior and for integrity in human relationships which we dare not ignore. If we do ignore or rebel against the moral imperatives of the laws of God, we will wreck ourselves against the immeasurable authority of the Almighty.

The holiness and majesty of God call for new emphasis in Christian thought and practice. — An modern age has been enamored by the idea of familiarity with God. God is near, but he is not to be touched by human hands. God is friendly, but his friendliness can be experienced only through reverence and trust. To come before him without humility of spirit or bowing down in submission or exalting him with praise is an insult to his majesty and glory. We can draw near to God with boldness only through Jesus Christ, as our Mediator and Saviour. If we can recapture a profound awareness of God's holiness and majesty, we shall have respect for his authority, gratitude for his mercy, and confidence in his sovereignty.

Horn Lake Deacon Dies

Conway Ottie Russell died June 30 in St. Joseph Hospital, Memphis, Tenn., after a long illness. An employee of Ford Motor Company, he was a deacon of First Church, Horn Lake, where he had also been young people's director for many years.

Interested in missions, and zealous in witnessing, he had made a mission tour of Mexico in 1965, with Rev. Ervin Brown, of Hernando, Desota County superintendent of missions.

He served as Desota County associational music director for the past nine years. For the past several years he was very active as member of the Desota County Associational Camp Committee that developed Camp Bluff Springs. In 1964, Desota Association honored him as "Layman of the Year" for faithfulness in his church and in associational work.

He assisted First Church, Southaven, at one time as interim music director, and has spoken in many churches as a lay speaker.

He was an Eastern Star and Rainbow "Dad of the Year," for the Horn Lake Chapter of Rainbow Girls.

Survivors include his wife, Mrs. C. O. Russell of Horn Lake; a daughter, Connie, of Horn Lake, 1969 graduate of Southern Seminary, Louisville, Ky.; a son, Bill, of Horn Lake, 1968 graduate of Horn Lake High School; one brother, Shelby, of Monticello; and two sisters, Mrs. T. E. Beeson and Mrs. Myrtle Davis, both of Monticello.

Brandon Honors Pastor

First Church, Brandon honored its pastor, Rev. Bill Duncan, during the morning service of July 14. The occasion was the first anniversary of the pastor being on the field fulltime. This was a complete surprise to the pastor.

The minister of music, Roddy Simons, instead of announcing the offertory hymn, called for the chairman of deacons, A. J. Comfort, Jr. to come for an important announcement. Words of appreciation of the first year's work and a book of poems with a check of \$200.00 included was presented by Mr. Comfort to Mr. Duncan and his family.

Big Springs Recognized

The Training Union of Big Springs Church has received the Church Training Program Achievement Recognition. They received the Merit Award. The Training Union director is Mrs. Alton Smith. The pastor is Rev. James David Carter.

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The Disciples' Motives In

Religious Practices

Matt. 6:1-18

By Bill Duncan

In the Jewish faith there were three acts of the good life: giving of money, prayer, and fasting. As Jesus looked upon the people of his day, He observed that many people did these things with the sole intention of bringing glory to themselves, and had lost the value of their purpose as given by God.

It is true so often that the finest things in life are spoiled because of the wrong motives.

A man can give a gift to a needy person or to the church, not really to help, but simply to demonstrate his own generosity and to receive someone's thanks, and the people's praise.

A person can pray in such a way with fine words that he addresses people who listen rather than God.

"A man may fast not really for the good of his own soul, not to humble himself in the sight of God, but simply to show the world what a splendid self-disciplined character he is.

A man may practice good works simply to win praise from men, to increase his own prestige, and to show the world how good he is.

Giving (Matt. 6:1-4)

The principle of giving mentioned in this passage has reference to the giving of money to the poor. To the Jews, almsgiving was the most sacred of all religious duties. The word almsgiving means righteousness. By this some believed that they could find atonement for past sins. But this was never recognized by Jesus. Since this had such a high respect in the list of good words to show righteousness, then it was most abused. There were offerings taken in synagogue services and at the temple.

Very often people call attention to their gift by the way they give. They find a person in need and call a crowd together before giving the gift.

Jesus said that the true giver would want to give in secret so that it would be of the overflow of the love of God. Our giving must not be out of duty, or to enhance one's own glory, but must be instinctive giving, out of the overflow.

This giving may be in secret. It does not have to be, but it may. God who judges men from their heart will give to proper reward. Giving that seeks a reward will never find one from God. But giving that seeks to help true need always wins the favor of God. One who gives properly must always give himself.

Prayer Matt. 6:5-15

No group of people ever had as many higher thoughts for prayer than the Jews. But error had crept into the Jewish habit of prayer and most of it was in misguided devotion. It became formalized. They repeated so much so often that what was so meaningful lost its meaning. They also began to have a liturgy that had a prayer for every event in life. These prayers could slip off the tongue with very little meaning.

The prescribing of prayers without meaning brought error. Prayer became a habit, without a man's heart and thought going into it. There was the problem that Jesus condemns of

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Stewardship Clinics In Jackson County

JOHN ALEXANDER, at left, and his two associates, Clarence Cutrell, center, and James Harrell, right, will conduct two Stewardship Clinics for the churches in Jackson Association. Monday, August 4, a clinic will be at First Church, Escatawpa; Tuesday, August 5 at First Church, Gautier. The time of each will be 7:30 p.m. All church-elected officers and organizational workers are urged to be present. These clinics are designed to help the churches in promoting their program of services to be financed in 1969 and 1970. A special feature, "How We Plan To Do It," will be presented by the Stewardship Chairman, Billy Wilks, of East Moss Point Church.

Caribbean Baptists Propose Fellowship

Baptists from 14 Caribbean countries, meeting in their second Crusade of the Americas regional congress on evangelism, proposed a permanent Caribbean Baptist Fellowship.

The 37 representatives who attended the June meeting at the Baptist Conference Center, Duncan, Jamaica, agreed that the aim of the fellowship would be to foster fellowship understanding, and mutual cooperation among the Baptists in the region.

The proposal for the fellowship was referred back to the individual Bap-

tist bodies for consideration. Rev. Azariah McKenzie, general secretary of the Jamaica Baptist Union, and Rev. Dottson L. Mills, Southern Baptist missionary, both of Jamaica, were asked to serve as temporary chairmen.

From reports given by the conference it was determined that there are about 200,000 Baptists in the Caribbean.

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Hebron (Clay) Burns Note

Hebron Church, Clay County, held a noteburning ceremony June 1 to celebrate pastorium's being debt-free. The church has now undertaken a project to air-condition the building. Rev. James E. Duke is pastor.

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Revival Dates

Parkway, Houston: August 10 - 15; Rev. G. C. Cox, New Orleans, evangelist; George Martin, Houston, music director; Mrs. Katherine McElroy, Houston, pianist; Rev. Ira Bright, pastor.

Improve (Marion): July 27 - Aug. 1; services at 10 and 7:30; Rev. L. H. McCollough, pastor of Greenfield Church, Greenville, evangelist; Charles L. Polk, minister of music at Improve, in charge of music; Rev. Tommy Jones, pastor.

Pine Grove (Simpson): Aug. 3 - 8; Sunday services at 11 a.m. and 1:30 p.m. with lunch at the church; services during week at 7:30 p.m.; Rev. Jimmy Yarborough, pastor, Calvary Church, Vicksburg, evangelist; Rev. Billy Thomas, pastor; Ronnie St. Amant, music director, Jane Stringer and Jane Thames, pianists.

Dry Creek Church, Preston: August 3 - 8; services at 10:30 a.m. and 7:30 p.m.; Rev. Alex McGrew (pictured), First Church, Jasper Tenn., evangelist; Rev. J. F. Hagwood, pastor.

Beech Grove Church (Union) August 3-8; dinner on the grounds following the 11:00 a.m. Sunday service, then an afternoon service; week-night services at 8:00; Rev. Doug Warren, assistant pastor and minister of music at Paul Truitt Memorial Church, Pearl, evangelist; Mrs. Dianne Warren, pianist; Rev. James D. Duck, pastor, in charge of music.

Salem Church, Tylertown: July 27 - August 1; Rev. C. M. Grayson, Magee, evangelist; David Grimsley, minister of music, Tylertown, will lead the singing; weekday services at 10 a.m. and 7:30 p.m.; Rev. A. G. Gray, pastor.

Strong Hope (Copiah): August 3-8; Rev. L. R. Smith, Jr.; Grand Bay, Alabama, evangelist; music by local talent; Sunday, August 3, morning and afternoon services, with dinner on the ground, no Sunday night service; week-day services 10 a.m. and 7:30 p.m.; Rev. Perry Culver, pastor.

Black Hawk (Carroll): August 3-8; Rev. Howard Paul Collins, pastor; Rev. Woodson McGuffee, Oakdale, La., evangelist; services at 8 p.m.

Straight Bayou (Sharkey - Issaquena): August 3-8; services at 10:30 a.m. and 8 p.m.; Rev. Billy Guest, pastor, Delta City, evangelist; Mrs. Charlotte Powell, Straight Bayou, song leader; Gene Hodnett, Straight Bayou, song leader; Rev. J. H. Jones, pastor.

Oakdale Church (Rankin County): August 4-10; services 7:30 daily; Dr. Luther Dorr, First Church, Florence, evangelist; Miss Billie Jo Brown, soloist; Curtis Baker, pianist; Rev. Bernard Nall, pastor.

New Hope (Covington): July 27 - Aug. 1; weekday services at 9:30 a.m. and 7:30 p.m.; Rev. H. L. Davis, pastor, First, Hickory, evangelist; (Mr. Davis made his profession of faith early in life at New Hope Church, and was ordained there as a minister, in 1933); Tom Stroud, Sumrall, William Carey College student, director of music at New Hope, singer; Linda Lott, pianist; Bobbie Kay Atwood, organist; Betty Jane Herrin, vocal soloist; Rev. Delton Craft, pastor.

Hebron (Clay): August 10-15; Rev. James E. Parker, guest speaker; Rev. James E. Duke, pastor.

Easthaven Church, Brookhaven: Rev. Larry Rohrman, First Church, Biloxi, evangelist; Richard Kennedy, Southwestern Seminary, Ft. Worth, Texas, music; regular services on Sunday; weekday services 9:30 a.m.-7:30 p.m.; Rev. Charles Dampeer, pastor.

First Church, Vardaman, (Calhoun): Aug. 3-8; Dr. Howard E. Spell (pictured), Mississippi College, evangelist; services 10:30 a.m. and 7:45 p.m. daily; Rev. Kenneth W. Pickens, pastor.

Birmingham Church, Saltville: August 10 - 15; services at 7:30 nightly; Rev. Tommy Tutor (pictured), pastor of Rugby Hills Church, Memphis, Tenn., evangelist; Ebb Lee Loden, Jr., music leader; Rev. D. L. Turner, pastor.

Pleasant Hill (Lincoln): August 3-8; Chaplain James Nolan Brister of V.A. Hospital, Jackson, evangelist; Glynn Gardner of First Church, Wiesen, La., song leader; services Sunday at 11 a.m. and 1:30 p.m., with lunch served at the church; weekday services at 10 a.m. and 7:30 p.m.

Winston Church (Winston): August 3-8; Rev. E. S. Hall, pastor, Good Hope, Louisville evangelist; Rev. W. E. Palmer, pastor, in charge of music; Mary Stevenson, pianist; Sunday services at 11 and 7:30; evening services only, during week, at 7:45.

Friendship (Jones): July 27 - Aug. 1; Rev. Bob Carpenter, pastor, Emmanuel, Morgan City, La., evangelist; Rex Buckhaults, music director; Kathy Richards, pianist; services at 7:30 p.m.; Rev. W. N. Johnson, pastor.

Carson Ridge (Attala): July 27-Aug. 1; services at 10 a.m. and 7:30 p.m.; Rev. Lester Gardner, pastor, Friendship, Jones County, evangelist; Doyle Turner, Myrtle, (Union) in charge of music; Rev. Harry Sartain, pastor.

Calvary, Lamar: July 27 - Aug 3; Rev. David V. Hampton, Memphis, Tenn., evangelist; Randy LaBlanc, Picayune, music director; Rev. Jerry G. Simon, pastor.

Chapel Hills (Hinds): July 27 - Aug. 1; services at 11 a.m. and 8 p.m.; Rev. Robert Perry, pastor, Crestwood Jackson, evangelist; Walter Gibbs Learned, song leader; Rev. Harold J. Overton, pastor.

Pioneer (Wilkinson): July 27 - Aug. 1; Rev. David Kendall, pastor, North Calvary Church, Philadelphia, evangelist; Rev. Lawrence Runnels, pastor; services at 10 a.m. and 8 p.m.

Barton Church, Lucedale (George): July 27 - Aug. 1; services at 8:30 a.m. and 7:30 p.m.; Rev. David Merritt, First, Lucedale, evangelist; Donald Brown, minister of music, First, Indianola, in charge of music; Rev. Horace Glass, pastor.

Eastlawn Church, Pascoagoula: Aug. 3-10; Edward G. Robinson, Lebanon, Tennessee, full-time evangelist will lead the Crusade; Joe Howard, interim minister of music will be the song director; morning services only on Sundays August 3 and 10; evening service August 8-10, 7:30 p.m.; Rev. Paul S. Kirke, pastor.



Rocky Point (Leake): Aug. 3-8; Rev. Carey E. Cox, (pictured) executive secretary of the Mississippi Baptist Foundation, Jackson, evangelist; Otho Parhamore, church song leader, music director; services 11 a.m. and 7:30 p.m.; Rev. Joe Abrams, interim pastor.

First Church of Sharon (Jones) July 27 - August 1; Rev. James Terpo, pastor, Calvary, Greenwood, evangelist; Gary Shows, minister of music First Church Petal, music director; services 10:00 a.m. and 7:30 p.m.; Rev. James McCall, pastor.

Gum Grove (Lincoln): youth rally; July 27-August 1; services at 10 a.m. and 7:30 p.m. daily; Rev. Talmadge Smith, pastor of Clear Branch Church (Lincoln), evangelist; Ronnie Taylor, minister of music at South McComb Church, in charge of music; Rev. B. E. Padgett, pastor.

Bethel (Jones): August 3-8; morning and afternoon services on Sunday Aug. 3, with lunch on the grounds; services during week at 8 p.m.; Rev. W. O. Pippen, pastor, evangelist; Donald Gatlin, church music director, singer.

Union Hall Church; August 3-8; services at 7 a.m. and 7:30 p.m.; Rev. Lester Garrett, Brooks Memorial Church, Atmore, Ala., evangelist; Rev. Eddie Prather, associate pastor, First Church, Yazoo City, song leader.

Chapel Hills (Hinds): August 3-8; services at 11 a.m. and 8 p.m.; Rev. Robert Perry, pastor, Crestwood Jackson, evangelist; Walter Gibbs Learned, song leader; Rev. L. Overton, pastor.

Union Church, Tylertown: August 3-8; Rev. J. L. Rasberry (pictured), the new pastor, evangelist; Donald Pigott of Tylertown, music leader; Mrs. Joan McEwen, pianist; services at 11 a.m. and 7:15 p.m. on Sunday; 8 a.m. and 7:30 p.m. during week.

Antioch Church Simpson: July 27-Aug. 1; Rev. Henry J. Bennett, pastor of Byram Church (pictured), evangelist; services during week at 10 a.m. and 7:30 p.m. m.

Bethesda (Montgomery): Aug. 3-8; Rev. Floyd Higginbotham, pastor, Banner Church, Banner, evangelist; music under direction of Mrs. Cloice Gibson; services at 11 a.m. and 7:30 p.m. Sunday; weekdays at 10:45 a.m. and 7:45 p.m.; Rev. Cecil Mulloy, pastor.

Zion (Pontotoc): August 3-8; Rev. Charlie W. Thompson, Sr., preacher; Lacy Potter, music director; services at 10 a.m. and 8 p.m.; Rev. Truman D. Scarborough, pastor.

Mars Hill Church (Mississippi Association): August 3-8; Rev. Howard Brister, pastor, Centreville, First Church, evangelist; Dr. Edwin McNeely, music director; Sunday services 11 a.m. and 1:15 p.m. with dinner served on the grounds for the 154th consecutive year; weekday services 10 a.m. and 8 p.m. Rev. W. A. Sullivan, pastor.

Coldwater Church: August 3-8; services at 10 a.m. and 8 p.m. Dr. Claude L. Howe, Jr., native of Tate County, Professor of Church History at New Orleans Seminary, evangelist; Mrs. Candace Embrey, minister of music at Coldwater, singer; Rev. Anthony S. Kay, pastor.

Derma Church: August 10-15; Rev. G. A. McCoy, pastor First Church, Bruce, evangelist; Laderel Harrelson, Minister of Music and Education at Northside Church, Selma, Alabama, in charge of music; Rev. Doyle Caples, pastor.

Bethel (Rankin): August 3-8; services at 11 and 7:30; dinner on the ground Sunday; Rev. Dale Holloway, evangelist; Butch Milner, music director; Rev. W. C. McGee, pastor.

Zion Hill, Liberty: August 3-8; Rev. Ralph Brady, Pearlhaven, Brookhaven, evangelist; Rev. H. P. Porter of McComb, singer; Rev. James B. DuBose, pastor; August 3 will be Homecoming Day, with a morning service at 11, dinner on the grounds, an afternoon service, but no night service; weekday services at 10:30 a.m. and 7:30 p.m.

New Prospect, Hamilton: August 3-8; services at 10 and 7:30 Rev. G. C. Sansing, pastor, Sardis Church, Hazlehurst, evangelist; special music each night; Rev. Eugene Taylor, pastor.

Holly Springs (Marion): August 10-15; Sunday services at 11 a.m. and 1:30 p.m.; no Sunday night service; services during week at 7:30 p.m.; Rev. M. C. Nelson, pastor of Hurricane Creek, evangelist; Otis B. Eroom, music director; special singing every night; the church has no pastor at present.

REVIVAL RESULTS

Yale Street, Cleveland: July 13-20; evangelist: Rev. Walter Burrell of Demorest, Ga.; singer: Harold Smith; pastor: Rev. Norris Garner; 5 professions of faith; 5 re-dedications; 2 by letter.



Join Southside Staff

Rev. and Mrs. Jerry D. Odom have joined the staff of Southside Church, Rev. Bob Sheffield pastor, in Meridian, as education and youth director and part-time music director. A native of Meridian, he is a graduate of Mississippi College and Southwest Seminary.

Mr. Odom has previously served churches in Texas, Virginia, and Mississippi, as youth director, education director, and pastor.

His wife, Lana, the former Lana Nelms of Tupelo, will serve the church as part-time music director. She attended Blue Mountain College and is a graduate of Old Dominion College in Norfolk, Virginia. She served as the first paid choir director of Lowrey Memorial Church at Blue Mountain. The Odoms have one child, David, fifteen months old.

Unity (Attala): Aug. 10 - 15; Dr. W. E. Green, pastor, Shady Grove Church, Rt. 1, Magee evangelist; services 10:30 a.m. and 7:30 p.m.; music will be led by Rev. Benton Goodman, pastor; Betty Thornton, pianist. Harmony Church, (Copiah): August 3-8; evangelist, Rev. Claude Howe, Sr., Bethel Church, Water Valley; music director, Rory Lee; pastor, Rev. John Espy; Sunday services, 11:00 a.m. and 7:30 p.m.; Mon - Fri, 10:00 a.m. and 7:00 p.m.

Eddiceton Calls Pastor

Rev. W. M. Buffington has accepted the pastorate of Eddiceton Church at Eddiceton, Miss., in Franklin County. He assumed duties there July 22. He and Mrs. Buffington will live in the pastor's home on the church field, on weekends.

Mr. Buffington was pastor of the Franklin Church, Madison County, for the past four years. While he was at Franklin Church, there was over 100 per cent increase in enrollment in all organizations of the church. The Sunday school enrollment grew from 30 to 85, and average Sunday school attendance increased from 26 to 73.

Under Mr. Buffington's leadership the Franklin Church erected an addition to the church, which included five Sunday school rooms and a pastor's study. The church was one of five churches in the nation to fully participate in the Church Growth Plan of the Baptist Sunday School Board.

Camp Ground Calls Pastor

The new pastor of Camp Ground Church, Water Valley, is Rev. Johnny Parks. The Parks family were welcomed with an old-fashioned pounding. Mr. Parks is a native of Sherman. Mrs. Parks is the former Olene Lakey of Ripley. They have one son, Jeff, 10.

Mr. Parks moved to Camp Ground Church from Palmer Church, Tippah Association, where he served for 13 months. While he was at Palmer, there were 10 additions. Also, a note burning was held to pay off indebtedness on the central heating and cooling system; the church voted to use the rotation system of deacons; and two new deacons were ordained. Mr. Parks led the church in giving the largest Lottie Moon Christmas Offering in the history of the church. In February of this year, the church voted to build a new auditorium, and to convert the old building into educational space.

Mr. Parks was active in the work of the Tippah Association, where he was serving as president of the Pastors' Conference.

Devotional

Hero Who Dared To March Alone

By Bartis Harper, Pastor, First, Morton

SCRIPTURE — Daniel 6

Upon the fall of Babylon new honors awaited Daniel in the Medo-Persian state. He was placed above the presidents of the provinces and set over the whole realm. Those persons jealous of Daniel induced the King to sign a decree that anyone offering a petition to God or man, excepting the King, for thirty days, should be cast into a den of lions; knowing that Daniel would not cease his praying to God.

It was Daniel's custom, on bended knees, three times a day to offer prayer to his God in the upper chamber of his house, the window thereof being open towards Jerusalem. He continued this custom even after the issuing of the edict; for a discontinuance of it on account of that law would have been a denying of the faith and a sinning against God. They immediately accused him to the King. Reminding the King of the promulgation of the prohibition, they showed him that Daniel, one of the captive Jews, had not regarded the King's command but had continued during the thirty days to pray to his own God, and thus had violated the law. The decree could not be altered and Daniel was placed among the lions. He was divinely preserved while those who had arranged the plot were cast to the lions.

The Book of Daniel provides some of the Bible's greatest lessons in personal trial and triumph.

Daniel was a man of courage. His courage was more than animal bravery based upon brute strength. It was founded where all real courage must be found, faith in God. The bravest souls that ever lived are those who have had to suffer alone. Daniel's life is within reach of ours because the principles it illustrates are practical for our own experience. Daniel chose to be true to God and God chose to bless Daniel. The choice that Daniel made proves that it is always right to do right. There are no circumstances where it is right to do wrong.

Daniel was a man of faith. God honors our faith. It was Daniel's faith which made him bold and courageous enough to defy royal regulations. It was faith which led Daniel to base the entire success of his life on doing right. It will be well for us to remember the value of trusting God in daily life. As Daniel proved the power of faith and trust in God in doing right, we will find that it pays.

Daniel was a man of prayer. There is something thrilling in the sight of this man at prayer. It was more than a religious habit: it was life itself. It was the man. It is said of Daniel that he "prayed and gave thanks before his God, as he did aforetime." Daniel was what he was everywhere and all the time. Decree or no decree, King or no King, death or life, Daniel would be true to God.

It was not a crowd that disobeyed the decree of the King; it was Daniel, a hero who dared to march alone!

Revival Dates

Sebastopol Church: Aug. 3-8; Sunday services at 11:00 a.m. and 8:00 p.m.; weekday services at 10:00 a.m. and 8:00 p.m. Rev. Marcus Smith, former pastor of 8th Avenue Church Meridian, now pastor of Dixie Church, Hattiesburg, evangelist; Rev. W. A. Troutman, pastor.

Hollands Creek, Lexington: Aug. 4-8; Rev. Jasper Collins, pastor Magnolia Park Church, Jackson, evangelist; services at 7:30 p.m.; Dr. Louis C. Scholle, pastor.

DRY CREEK CHURCH (Simpson): Aug. 3-8, with dinner on the ground on the 3rd; Rev. Ray Fuller, New Zion Church, Braxton, evangelist; James Allen, music director; Mrs. Joy Stewart, Pianist; Rev. Wardell Kennedy, pastor; Sunday services, 11:00 and 2:00; daily services at 7:30 p.m.

Vanilla Church, Route 3, Monticello: Aug. 3-8; Rev. Baxter Pond, New Orleans, La. leading; dinner at the church on Sunday; services 10 a.m. and 7:30 p.m.; Dr. Louis C. Scholle, pastor.

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